PRESIDENT: The nomenclature of the Committee explains it. (*Laughter.*)

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The word "text-book" is there; I see it. I want to know the purpose for which the committee has been constituted?

PRESIDENT: To prescribe text-books; you can answer the question yourself.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: To consider the books placed before them and prepare a list of approved books.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether any book not approved by this Committee has been accepted by Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: No, Sir.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: If, as has been done this year, the choice of text-books is to be left to the discretion of the Headmasters, may I know why this Committee was constituted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Headmasters are allowed to choose only from an approved list of books prepared by the Committee, and this only in regard to English books; Vernacular books have been prescribed by the Committee itself, as in former years.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Was there any special reason for leaving English books alone to the choice of the Headmasters?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: In order that there should not be a dead level of uniformity throughout the State, and that the Headmasters may have a certain amount of liberty to choose text-books which they consider most suitable.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is the member aware that, by the discretion being left to the Headmasters, students, even in one particular town, are put to serious inconvenience, and that, when children go with their parents from one place to another, on account of the transfer of the parents, they have to purchase and study new books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The whole matter was carefully considered by the department and by the Government; and it was decided that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

False records in the Central Vernacular Records.

86. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any of the records in the Central Vernacular Records has been examined by any expert at the instance of Government, if so, how many and the nature of the documents so examined;

(*b*) whether on such examination any document has been condemned as spurious; if so, how many and the nature of such documents;

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(*c*) how many records produced from the Central Vernacular Records before Courts have been declared to be not genuine and

(*d*) what steps they have taken to trace out the cause of the existence of such false records in the Central Vernacular Records and to prevent the same?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes. One Neettu, two Ozhugu and one Vilangiper Olas were examined.

(*b*) The Neettu has been considered to be spurious.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) The matter is under investigation.

Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know who examined these records?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Mr. T. K. Joseph.

Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know what arrangements the Government are now making to prevent spurious records going into the Central Vernacular Records?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The answer is there in part (*d*); the matter is under investigation.

Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether copies of the original records in the Central Vernacular Records are being written up in a book as is done in Sub-Registrars' Offices?

RAO SAHIB Dr N. KUNJAN PILLAI: No.

Visit of the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries to Todupuzha.

87. *Mr. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many times, and when, the Director of Agriculture has visited Todupuzha taluk during the last twelve years?

Mr. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Information relating to the visits paid to the Todupuzha taluk by the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries prior to 1102 is not available, as the records relating to them have been destroyed under the rules for the destruction of records. Since the beginning of 1102, the Director visited the above taluk twice. *i. e.* on the 22nd Edavam 1106 and the 8th Medam 1107.

Mr. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ഈ താലൂക്കിലെ ഫലവൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കിടീനം പിടിപെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയിമോ?

Mr. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: ഫലവൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്ക് പലതുമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഏതുഫലവൃക്ഷത്തെപ്പറ്റിയാണെന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ ചൊദിക്കുന്നതെന്നുപ്രത്യേകം അറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: പ്രധാനമായി തെങ്ങാണ് പിന്നെ കമുകു, കുരുമുളക ഇതൊക്കെയാണ്.

Mr. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: ഒന്നരണ്ടു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽകുകിന്നം ഒന്നരണ്ടുസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ തെങ്ങിനും ദീനമുള്ളതായിട്ടറിയാം. അതിനുചിലപ്രതിവിധികൾചെയ്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

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